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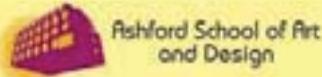
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Natalie, Professional Cookery NVQ 2

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Ben, student

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Nigel, A-Level student





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REMEMBER THE BRAVE

Soldiers of the Kent-based Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment are asking those attending Remembrance Day parades to spare a thought for their 700 comrades in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as veterans of previous conflicts.

The regiment is also known as The Tigers and its forebears fought in 1944 at the Battle of Kohima, which halted the Japanese advance into India. The Kohima monument's poignant epitaph is one of the most famous in remembering fallen soldiers. It reads 'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today'. **FOR A LIST OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICES, SEE YOURSHEPWAY.CO.UK**

■ BY NICK AMES

SHEPWAY has "settled for the wooden spoon" by not going ahead with proposals to refurbish Folkestone Sports Centre, a political group is claiming.

Liberal Democrats have blasted the local authority's rejection of £4.37 million plans to upgrade the centre.

The proposals were put forward by Folkestone Sports Centre Trust Ltd, which said it had been looking for financial support and commitment in the form of an increase in the existing annual revenue grant that Shepway council makes to the trust - from £186,000 to £300,000 - as well as the guarantee of a £2.4m loan the trust intends to take out.

But the proposals were rejected by the council, which is estimating a £600,000 shortfall in revenue because of rising prices for goods and services and falling income.

Local LibDem leader Lynne Beaumont said: "This is an appalling decision. The centre had an imaginative plan to improve sports facilities and Shepway have destroyed it."

"At a time when Britain should be investing in quality sports facilities in the run-up to 2012, Shepway have bottled it. Instead of going for gold, they've settled for the wooden spoon... and let down Folkestone."

The plans provided for internal alterations and refurbishment of changing areas and provision of a new mezzanine floor to create a fitness centre and treatment rooms.

A cafe and viewing balcony would be provided and it called for the upgrading of the golf and ski reception areas.

Improved access for people with disabilities and better car parking were also proposed.

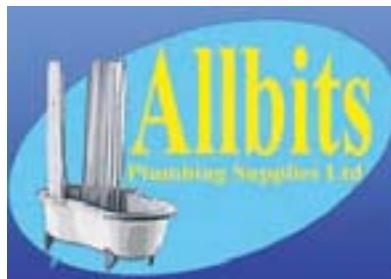
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Drug smuggler claims he paid £400,000 for release from jail

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

MP Michael Howard has been accused of accepting a £400,000 bribe in exchange for approving a reduced sentence for a drug baron.

The extraordinary claims emerged in a court case being heard into criminals John Haase and Paul Bennett, who were released 11 months into an 18-year jail sentence for heroin smuggling after the former Home Secretary pardoned the pair for turning 'supergrass'.

The men are now on trial for allegedly fixing their early release by planting gun and drug caches which they then tipped off to police.

The court heard that the Folkestone and Hythe MP was given the cash through his cousin Simon Bakerman, who allegedly collected it from Haase's home.

Peter Kilfoyle, MP for Liverpool Walton, received a signed statement about the bribe from Haase in 2004 when he visited him in prison while investigating the men's early release.

Haase is currently serving a separate 13-year sentence for firearms offences.

According to a national newspaper, Haase said in his signed statement: 'Bennett said he knew a relation of Howard's. He said £400,000. It didn't sway me. We had £1million to play with.'

'The £400,000 was to pay off Michael Howard when the judge's letter reached him.'

Haase, 59, and his nephew Bennett, 44, were arrested in July 1993 following a major investigation into an 'international drug trafficking operation'.

The court heard they planned to reduce their sentences by telling HM Customs and Excise they would become informants.

After they were jailed in 1995, the



CLAIM: A drug baron says that he paid Michael Howard to sign a release letter

judge in the case wrote privately to Mr Howard asking for a royal pardon.

He had been told the information which the pair passed on to the authorities was so sensitive that their lives 'would be at risk' if it became known they had become informers.

The then Home Secretary approved the 'Royal Prerogative of Mercy' and cut the pair's sentences to five years.

They were released in July 1996, ten months and two weeks after being sentenced.

Haase and Bennett, together with Haase's wife Deborah and Sharon Knowles from Liverpool, all deny conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

Deborah Haase also denies possession of firearms and ammunition without permission.

The trial at Southwark Crown Court continues.

Road blocked as car and bus crash

A SCHOOL bus carrying children from Folkestone to Canterbury was been involved in a crash yesterday (Wednesday).

Police were called to the scene at 7.55am in Elham High Street, where a car and a bus had collided.

None of the children on board were hurt, although it is thought passengers in the car suffered minor injuries.

The road was blocked as officers dealt with the incident.

A happy century

NEW Romney Bowls Club member Cyril Foreman is celebrating his 100th birthday on Sunday, November 9, with a special luncheon at the club.

He will also receive a commemorative presentation from police officers as he is a former member of the force, serving abroad in Cyprus and Africa as well as in various places in the UK.

Club chairman Maurice Pickering said: 'He is a regular social member although he doesn't play anymore. But every evening at 8pm he will come in. He's a regular one drink man and is part of the fabric of our club. We all wish him well.'

Vice-chair steps down

THE vice-chairman of Sandgate Parish Council is stepping down for health reasons.

Stuart Whiffen announced he would be resigning because of an illness which affected him in June during which he almost died.

'It came as a big shock to both me and my family,' Cllr Whiffen told a meeting of the council.

The businessman – who owns the Ship Inn along Sandgate's main street – said he will continue to be involved in local affairs but at a reduced level and would like to spend more time with his family.

Cllr Jan Holben was unanimously voted in to fill the vacant post.

Mums should book in

MOTHERHOOD and breast-feeding are the themes of a book whose author is coming to Folkestone.

Alison Blenkinsop is signing copies of her guide Fit To Bust and presenting graduation certificates to a group of local mums who have trained to be breast-feeding peer supporters, who hope to visit new mums in hospital.

The event is at the Whole World Café in the Old High Street from 3pm-5pm on Friday.

Across East Kent Hospitals and Community Services a policy for infant feeding has been agreed modelled in part on the Baby Friendly Initiative principles, outlined by Alison in her book.

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Safety fears lead to calls for HGV ban

Precautionary measures rejected by group

EUROTUNNEL has rejected calls by a railway group to ban lorries until an investigation into the cause of September's fire has been completed.

The Channel Tunnel operator was responding to the proposal by Lord Berkeley, chairman of the Rail Freight Group, who said it was "pathetic" the report would not be ready for another year and that HGVs should be restricted or banned immediately until its findings are published.

A Eurotunnel spokeswoman said: "Trucks are the core part of our business and all safety measures and aspects of operation were given the go-ahead to re-open by the Inter-governmental Commission."

Chris Snelling, head of rail freight and global supply chain policy at the Freight Transport Association said: "We should not act pre-emptively. This would be an overreaction and cause huge problems as it would be difficult to transfer capacity to ferries."

Speaking in a parliamentary debate last month, Berkeley said this was the second major fire since the tunnel opened and asked the government's new transport minister Lord Adonis to take action.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

He said: "I believe that in both cases a large length of the tunnel lining was burnt out and collapsed, which means the sea-bed is standing up on its own. Luckily, nobody was hurt on this occasion."

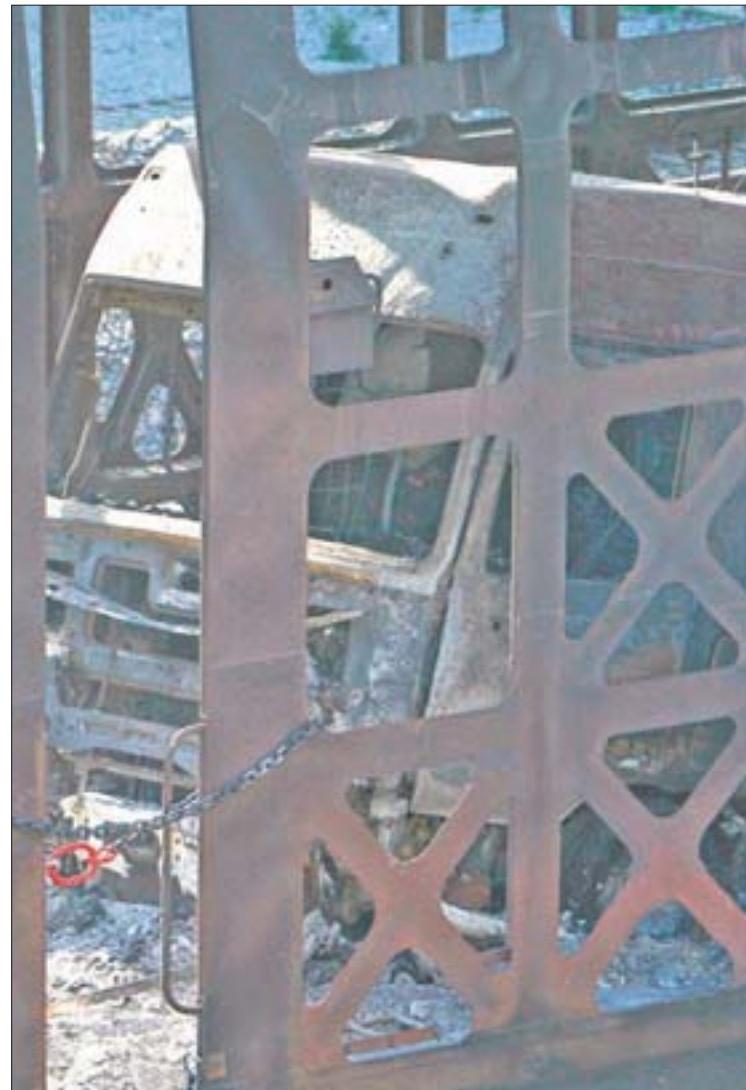
"Is there an argument for taking precautionary measures to ensure this does not happen again in the interim and the carriage of trucks is either restricted or banned until the existing study is completed?"

Lord Adonis said current advice stated there was no need for any changes and the final report would be made public "no later than September 2009".

Eurotunnel said normal service, after the fire which burnt out 27 HGVs, is not expected to resume until February next year.

The heightened awareness was demonstrated recently after a passenger was caught smoking an illicit cigarette in the Eurostar toilet, causing a four hour delay.

Eurotunnel regulations meant the train had to be put into the sidings on Friday, October 24, while crews searched the train, which was carrying almost 700 passengers from London to Paris as it approached the French end of the tunnel.



REJECTED: Following the recent fire which gutted 27 HGVs, calls were made to ban HGV through the Tunnel

Doll is needed for pantomime

A VENTRILOQUIST'S doll is needed for a production of Pinocchio over the Christmas holiday period.

Folkestone and Hythe Operatic Society are looking for a proper 'Charlie' to play alongside Lampwick, Mama Macaroni's sidekick in the Tower Theatre's pantomime.

Anybody willing to loan a boy doll for the next few months should call director Peter Heselden on 07711 710958.

Tickets for this season's show are still available with prices starting from £8. The pantomime runs from January 8-17, 2009.

For more information, phone Tony Cock on 01303 223925.

Signatures collected in support of Gurkhas

GURKHA veterans gathered in Folkestone town centre at the weekend in their campaign for the right to remain in the UK.

They collected more than 1,000 signatures on Saturday as part of efforts to raise a million-strong petition to take to Downing Street and persuade the Government to change the law.

Recently the High Court ruled in favour of the Nepalese soldiers and said the Government's policy not to honour those who retired before 1997 was unlawful.

Magnificent

Cllr Peter Carroll, a long-time Gurkha campaigner who was at the ruling in September, said it was a "magnificent response" from the people of Shepway.

He said: "The judge in the High Court case gave the Government about three months to come up with a fairer policy, hence our continued efforts.

"These signatures will be added to the massive 112,000 on our website – gurkhajustice.org.uk and the 17,000 other paper signatures received at my home within the last four weeks.

"Myself, the lawyers Howe & Co

and Joanna Lumley will take this petition to Downing Street on November 20 with over 3,000 retired Gurkhas to support us."

Those soldiers who retired after 2004 currently have the right to stay in Britain, with the government committed to reviewing hundreds of cases before the end of the year following the court ruling.

• Five members of the 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles received the Military Cross at Buckingham Palace yesterday, in recognition for their bravery in Afghanistan.

Based at Shorncliffe barracks, they recently returned from Kandahar where they formed Regional Battlegroup South on Operative Herrick 7.

The medal recipients were Major PRG Pitchfork, Commanding Officer of A Company, Regimental Medical Officer Major DF Reid, Corporal Agnash Thapa of C Company, Corporal Mohansing Tangnami of A Company and Lance Corporal Bhimbahadur Gurung also of A Company.

Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel AJP Bourne also received an OBE, bringing the number of awards to 30 national and international honours for the battalion.

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Dangerous dog injures three in street attack

A DANGEROUS dog and its owner are being sought by police.

A man was attacked by the dog, which looked like a pitbull terrier, in Tower Street, Dover, at 10pm on Saturday, October 18.

A 19-year-old woman and her friends tried to help, but the dog bit her on the stomach and attacked another person.

Both were taken to hospital with puncture wounds.

The man was also taken to hospital but refused to give his name, although witnesses believe he may be called Troy.

He is white, aged 18-19, 5ft 7in, of slim build and with dark-brown cropped hair.

At the time of the attack he was wearing blue jeans and a hooded top.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Gary Wright on 01304 240055.

Our young people are behaving well

MORE than 200 young people have been stopped by police in the Dover district as part of the Safer Autumn campaign.

Almost all of those spoken to were well behaved and only one can of alcohol was confiscated, from a teenage girl at the skate park in Deal.

A group of youths were also moved on and a 16-year-old boy was escorted home to his parents when he became disruptive.

More than 100 young people gathered in Pencester Gardens and Stembrook car park in Dover on Friday, October 24, but no reports were made about any trouble or underage drinking.

Motorists were more of a problem, with one youth being stopped by police for driving his moped in an anti-social way in Sandwich.

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It's all-change at St James's in Dover. Search 'st james'

ON THE ROAD WITH SAFETY MESSAGE



Gwyn Prosser has shown his support to two events promoting safety in the district.

The MP for Dover and Deal joined the deputy mayor of Dover, members of the town council and police officers who were out on the streets at the weekend finding out how safe people feel in the town.

He said: "The Crime Reduction Partnership in Dover has done a good job in driving down anti-social behaviour and reducing crime figures."

"But it's important that police and town councillors get out and about and listen to people's views, and Saturday's survey initiative was a very good way of doing just that."

Mr Prosser then braved the wet weather to watch the road safety open day on Walmer Green, where the Fire and Rescue Service and police were giving advice on staying safe on Kent's roads.

He said: "Road safety and speed limits are hot topics in Deal - especially after all the recent tragic road accidents on the A258."

"It's clear our local police and fire and rescue officers are determined to get the safety message across that speed kills."

Live exports action group is praised by Green MEP

■ BY MARIJKE COX

ANIMAL rights campaigners seeking improved conditions for livestock being exported through Dover have won praise from MEP Dr Caroline Lucas.

Kent Against Live Exports' (Kale) monitoring of animal transportation led to an EU investigation and a subsequent damning report.

The volunteer-led group uncovered breaches of EU animal welfare law, but after their pleas for action were ignored by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), they took their case to Europe with Green MEP Dr Lucas.

This resulted in an investigation by the EU Commission for Health and Consumer Affairs in Brussels, which sent over a team from the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) department.

Their report showed that many animals travelling through the port were subjected to sub-standard conditions.

Dr Lucas, who is vice-president of the RSPCA and of the European Parliament's Animal Welfare Intergroup, praised the work carried out by Kale.

She said: "The continued commitment and hard work on the campaign against long-distance transport of live farm animals has really paid off."

"With this report, the EU is sending a strong message to the UK authorities that more must be done to safeguard the welfare of animals being transported in and out of Dover."

According to Dr Lucas, the report identifies a number of breaches of EU regulation on the "protection of animals during transport-related operation".

She said: "If only the UK's own Defra had shown such concern."

Mark Johnson, EU correspondent for Kale, said: "Now the report has been published, we trust the UK authorities will take note of the suggestions and recommendations."

"We trust they will fully implement proce-

dures to ensure we do not continue to see animals suffering, as regularly witnessed by our monitors and observers in Dover."

In response, Defra listed a number of areas they will be looking into to ensure requirements are met.

It stated that procedures are in place to improve on the transportation of livestock, including suitable water systems and ramp angles, regular checks of valid vehicle approval certificates and updating of office training showing changes in regulations.

Defra also stated that a procedure was already in place to tackle issues such as delays at ports or emergency measures.

"We believe there are effective arrangements in place for safeguarding animal welfare which would allow for unloading of animals in suitable accommodation, should the need arise during occasions where there are unexpected delays or when emergency measures are required."



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Jack's movie debut deals with horror of Holocaust

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A BUDDING young actor from Deal has made his debut appearance in a moving film about the horrors of the Holocaust.

Jack Scanlon, ten, plays a starring role in *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, now showing at cinemas nationwide, as a Jewish child imprisoned in the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp.

The powerful film tells the tale of a Nazi officer's son who makes friends with Shmuel, played by Jack, through a barbed wire fence.

The young actor was put forward by the Bigfoot Theatre Company, where he is a member, and he walked away with one of the lead

roles in the Miramax production.

Director Mark Herman said: "I saw Jack quite late in the process of seeing hundreds of boys. He can be moving without being sentimental and has a natural dignity about him.

"But I had to see who had the right chemistry with our Bruno (the Nazi officer's son) before choosing an actor to play Shmuel.

"Having narrowed it down to about three boys, we tried different pairings with Asa Butterfield (Bruno). Jack and Asa played very well against one another."

Jack's family moved to Hungary for four weeks when filming began and then the Warden House pupil, who was eight at the time, returned for another two weeks for the final scenes.

His mother, Fiona, said: "We're very proud of him – it's been a lot of hard work juggling that with his school work. He was so excited when

he got the part. He's never been on a film set, so it was a steep learning curve for him."

The emotional film introduces children to the Holocaust through the friendship of a German schoolboy and a Jewish prisoner.

Fiona said: "The producers were very careful about what the younger actors were exposed to as it's an emotional subject.

"They were really taken care of and didn't have to film for as long as the adults. They also had a tutor on set so they kept up with their studies."

Jack is now filming a three-part drama for the BBC and hopes to continue acting in the future.

Fiona said: "We would like him to carry on acting, but he knows school comes first."

"As long as his school is all right with him taking time off to film, and he continues with his studies, we will always support him."



NATURAL DIGNITY: Deal schoolboy Jack Scanlon as Shmuel in the acclaimed *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*

Liner gangplank collapse pitches tourists into sea

TWO cruise passengers bound for Dover were flung overboard when a gangplank they were walking on collapsed.

The Fred Olsen cruise liner, Black Watch, returned to Dover cruise terminal on Saturday after an eight-night cruise around Spain and France without the two tourists, who are recovering in hospital in Bilbao, northern Spain.

A Fred Olsen official said: "This is a very, very rare occurrence – a freak situation."

"There was very gusty weather and a particularly strong gust moved the ship and the gangplank got dislodged."

According to witnesses, two elderly passengers who were walking along the footway fell into the water below.

A crew member ran to their aid and was also thrown into the water.

The official said: "The member of staff was fine and was back on board the next day. Unfortunately, the passengers are still in hospital in Bilbao."

A rescue operation saw the three lifted out of the water within ten minutes and taken to hospital. But the managing director of Fred Olsen, Mike Rodwell, said the pair were "not in too great a condition" and were remaining in Spain to recover.

The 800-passenger cruise ship continued on to Dover at the weekend where it finished the eight-night cruise.

A spokesman said: "This was a freak accident where two people were hurt.

"It was due to the weather, which was particularly bad at that time."

The names of the passengers are not being released until relatives have been contacted.

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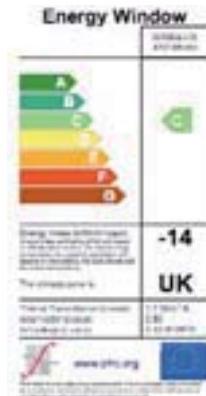
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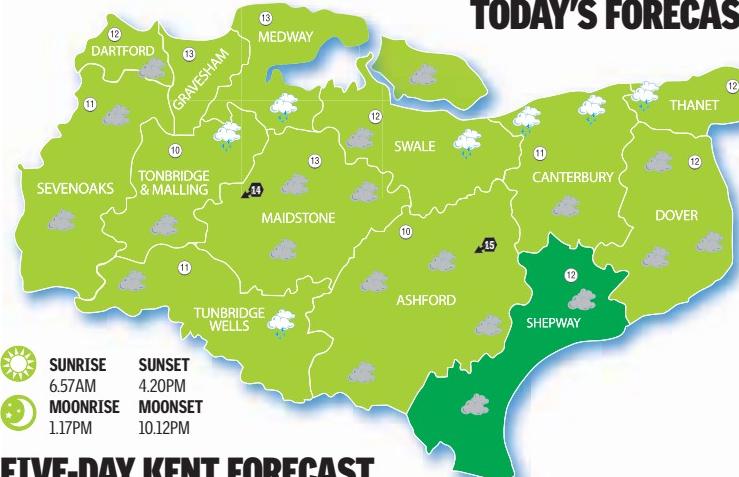
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	Sunday	5.54pm	5.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	4.06pm	6.0m
	Sunday	5.34pm	5.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5.00pm	3.8m
	Sunday	6.24pm	3.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	5.46pm	4.6m
	Sunday	6.00am	4.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	6.05pm	4.4m
	Sunday	6.17am	4.4m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	15°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	11°C
Canterbury	13°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	12°C
Chatham	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
Dartford	15°C	13°C	13°C	14°C	13°C
Dover	12°C	12°C	10°C	12°C	11°C
Faversham	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
Folkestone	12°C	12°C	10°C	12°C	11°C
Gillingham	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Gravesend	15°C	13°C	13°C	14°C	13°C
Maidstone	14°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	13°C
Ramsgate	13°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	12°C
Rochester	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
Sevenoaks	13°C	11°C	10°C	12°C	11°C
Sittingbourne	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
Tonbridge	14°C	11°C	11°C	12°C	12°C
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Hong Kong	26°C	Warsaw	7°C
Las Palmas	18°C	Wellington	17°C

NHS funding to keep free swimming afloat

A CAMPAIGN to extend free swimming to youngsters and the retired in the district has been successful, following an intervention by the local health trust.

The Government-backed scheme offers free entry to those aged 16 and under, together with the over-60s, but initially it only applied to Hythe pool as the funding did not stretch to the privately-owned Folkestone Sports Centre.

But the Eastern Kent and Coastal NHS has stepped in fill in to pay the outstanding amount, meaning those in Folkestone can now take advantage of the Olympics-inspired drive to get people more active and healthy.

A spokesman for the trust said: "NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent values highly its partnerships with local government and this has been evidenced by the funding that we make available locally, and now in our commitment to supporting free swimming across our area."

"We look forward to working with our partners to help reduce health inequalities making the eastern and coastal Kent area a healthier and happier place to live."

Fantastic

Cllr Carole Waters, Shepway council's member for sport and culture said it was "fantastic" news.

She said: "We were very keen to take up this offer, but as we could only use the money at our Hythe pool we have worked closely with the NHS Eastern and Coastal and Folkestone Sports Centre Trust to enable free swimming to be offered at Folkestone, too."

"This means both pools in Shepway will offer free swimming, which is fantastic."

The council will receive £40,000 each year for the next two years as part of a larger £480,000 grant to support the six local authorities in the region.

The free scheme begins from April 1 2009 and is part of a strategy to help tackle rising levels of obesity, set to reach "epidemic proportions" according to the trust.

The Government first announced the £80 million national initiative in the summer.

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Author of *End to End Stuff: The Essential Football Book*, which covers the history of the game through a combination of anecdotes, facts, quotes and statistics, talks to Nick Ames

Q How did you come to write this book?

A It's my 13th book and I've written in co-operation with players such as George Best, Jimmy Greaves and Sir Stanley Matthews. My latest books were with Ian Rush and Tommy Smith – two Liverpool players.

But this is my own book and I got the idea because I have collected all sorts of facts, quotes and anecdotes. I have been doing this since childhood and firstly they were in exercise books, then ringed binders, then I transferred them to a computer. When I told my agent this they said – why don't you do a book?

Q So it's got a lot of variety.

A Yes, it's not a reference book – it's a collection of unusual stories and obscure facts.

Q Such as?

A Well – the only footballer to have his name mentioned in a Monty Python sketch is Kevin Phillips of Birmingham City. Also, the only football-related town still at war with Germany since 1914 is Berwick.

It's a town in England whose team plays in the Scottish league and when the First World

War was declared the administration of the UK were not sure where it was.

So the declaration came from the United Kingdom of England, Scotland etc and the Commonwealth of Nations and Berwick. When the peace was signed at Versailles, Berwick was left off the list – so technically the town is still at war.

Q I'm a Chelsea fan, so tell me an unusual fact

A OK – buried under the Stamford Bridge centre circle is a Sunderland shirt. It was placed there when the pitch was dug up recently and a person who was taking part in the work who was a Sunderland fan did it.

Q Why do you think football throws up these odd little facts?

A It is so varied. My book is about the fun of the game – this can be lost amid the money and the hype. The working-class supporter is priced out of the game, which is a real shame. My book is about re-creating the fun side of things.

Q Who do you think will win the Premiership this year?

A Well, one of the big four, and I think Chelsea will just shade it.

Q What about England?

A They will qualify for the World Cup. But I remember something Jimmy Greaves told me about the team under Sven-Göran Eriksson.

He said: "Well, at eight o'clock I settled down in my armchair to watch England play and an hour and a half later it was quarter past eight." He told me that and I thought it was a great quote.

Q Do you have any message for Folkestone Invicta, who have money worries?

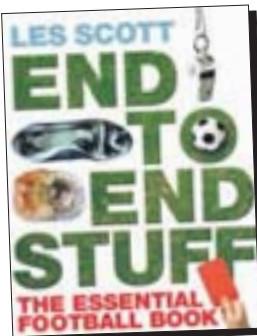
A I think outside the Premiership the whole sport has money worries. I feel very sorry for them as I have experience of the lower leagues as both a player and a manager. A football club is a sort of social glue which binds a town – it is a way of getting the town's name known.

Q So do you feel there is a huge discrepancy at the moment in cash terms within the sport?

A Put it this way, if a Championship side, for example Charlton, remained in the division they are currently in, it would take them 30 years to obtain around the same amount of money in TV revenue as the team finishing bottom of this year's Premiership will get for one year.

Q So that's Spurs, then?

A Well, if Spurs finish last, yes.



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

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Literary triumph from chronicles of disaster

■ BY NICK AMES

A SERIES of bizarre tales – some long forgotten – has been compiled in a new book by author Phil Mason.

His Kent Chronicles of Catastrophe and Disaster, just published by Countryside Books, collects colourful and strange incidents which have taken place in history.

These include a man run over 12 times by a train on the North Kent line and another train accident which almost killed Charles Dickens, near Staplehurst in 1865, when the Folkestone to London boat train hit a bridge.

Mr Mason, from Gillingham, has lived in Kent for 20 years and this is his sixth book.

He said: "It is not a dry chronology, nor does it pretend to be a comprehensive account of every terrible event.

"Instead I have chosen to shine the spotlight on the stranger, more curious and lesser-known side of Kent's history."

Also included are details of a First World War disaster when a munitions depot in Faversham exploded, killing 106 people.

Such was the force of the explosion that win-



NO FLOW: The time that Kent's River Medway dried up is featured in the new book by Phil Mason (far right)

dows were shattered over a 20-mile radius and the bang could be heard 50 miles away.

The first UFO sighting officially acknowledged in the UK took place over Sheerness in 1912, while in October 1134, during one of Britain's worst droughts, the River Medway dried up.

An unusual combat death is recorded when a pair of German aircraft attacked the Ashford to Lydd train during the Second World War.

A shot hit the engine and debris flew into the air, including the steam locomotive's funnel, which struck one of the attacking planes, causing it to crash in flames after it careered into telegraph wires.

The defeat of a French invasion at Sandwich is also examined, as is a torpedo which ran aground during testing and caused panic across Herne Bay.

The sinking of a paddle-steamer called the Princess Alice in the Thames is also recalled, as is a catalogue of disasters close to the Goodwin Sands.

The Princess Alice is the UK's worst-ever civilian shipping accident, as it claimed almost 800 lives.

Other tales include the loss of both Amy Johnson and Glenn Miller in mysterious air crashes, Caesar's invasion 2,000 years ago, the visit of Tsar Peter the Great and paranoia about a Nazi tunnel under the sea.

The author said: "Owing to its geographical position as the gateway to Britain, Kent has witnessed more than its fair share of great events."



'We are easing congestion on the school run'

A HOST of schemes designed to slash the number of school children being regularly driven to school is delivering results, county council chiefs claim.

Kent County Council has released figures which reveal an estimated 3,000 fewer pupils in the last academic year are being driven in.

In 2006/07, sample data showed 35.6 per cent of pupils were being driven to school.

For the 2007/08 school year, that figure had reduced to 34.1 per cent.

With more than 211,000 young people attending Kent schools, the council has hailed this as "a major step towards tackling congestion in the county".

It follows a number of schemes rolled out by KCC to supplement the Government-required school travel plans. Among them are:

- The Kent Freedom Pass – a scheme that allows students aged between 11 and 16 to travel on buses anywhere in Kent.
- Working with charity Sustrans to employ a Bike It officer in the Ashford area and encourage cycling to school across the county.
- Working with bus companies to establish any issues around behaviour on buses and find solutions, so pupils, drivers and the public feel comfortable using them.
- Rating school travel plans to maintain interest and providing additional funding to support schools with 'platinum' status – achieved through introducing sustainable travel schemes.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "Nationally, walking and cycling to school has declined in the past 20 years so it is great that Kent is bucking that trend."

"KCC has worked with parents, pupils, teachers and transport companies to offer real alternatives and incentives for people to change their travel habits."

"Not only is it healthier for parents and pupils, it cuts down on congestion to keep Kent moving."



PAUL CARTER: Says Kent is bucking transport trend

Superbug infections in decline

A TOTAL of 269 patients in Kent and Medway caught the superbugs MRSA and Clostridium difficile between April and June this year.

However, the county saw 55 per cent fewer cases of the healthcare-associated infections than over the same period in 2007, the latest Health Protection Agency (HPA) figures show.

Nationally, C diff rates have fallen by more than a third, which officials put down to improved hand-washing and a clampdown on over-prescribing anti-

biotics. The figures are those combined from Dartford and Gravesham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells and East Kent Hospitals University NHS trusts and Medway NHS Foundation Trust, as well as Bromley Hospitals and Queen Mary's Sidcup trusts.

In all the trusts, since the period April to June 2006, the number of MRSA cases has gone down, from 68 to 34 this year. The number of patients with C diff has fallen from 502 in 2006 to 196 in 2008, the HPA data show. Laura

Probert, of the National Concern for Healthcare Infections, said: "Safe-guarding funding for infection prevention and control can help as this is often the first pot that gets raided whenever a trust is in financial difficulty."

The campaigner, whose mother died from C diff at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, said KOS Media's campaign to highlight the importance of hand hygiene in the fight against killer bugs was important in raising awareness about hand-washing.



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BY NICK AMES

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LIBERTY-CAPPED: Magic mushrooms are illegal

Not mushroom for debate after law is tightened

FOLLOWING police seizures of so-called magic mushrooms this autumn, it is clear that many people remain uncertain about the legal situation regarding the fungus.

There is a widespread belief that picking the hallucinogenic *Psilocybin* mushroom is legal but preparing it for consumption in any form is not.

That is not the case. The Drugs Act 2005 ended the situation in which fresh magic mushrooms were legal but those which were dried or prepared for use were not.

The Home Office ruled that the hallucinogenic drug was harmful to some users – especially vulnerable people and those with mental health problems – and acted to clarify the law.

Home Office Minister Paul Goggins said in a statement: "Magic mushrooms come under Clause 21 of the Drugs Act 2005. It is now an offence to import, export, produce, supply, possess or possess with intent to supply magic mushrooms, including in the form of growing kits."

Exceptions will be made for people who unknowingly pick the mushrooms in the wild or find them growing in their garden. Critics have argued that the act is difficult to police.

Although some do grow in the wild, the vast majority of hallucinogenic mushrooms sold on the open market come from farms in Holland.

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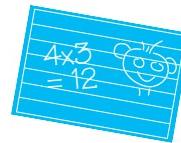
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Vouchers help with healthy education

PUPILS at Dover College have taken part in a week of activities to help them understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

The school used the Sainsbury's sports voucher scheme to invite sports instructors into the school to help children from pre-reception up to year six get active, including judo lessons and salsa dancing.

At the beginning of the week, each pupil made a pledge to give up something such as crisps and take up an activity.

They also tried a selection of fruit juices and a chef came into the school to help them make healthy food.

Teachers in the infant and junior school also linked subjects, such as English and maths, to the theme of healthy living.

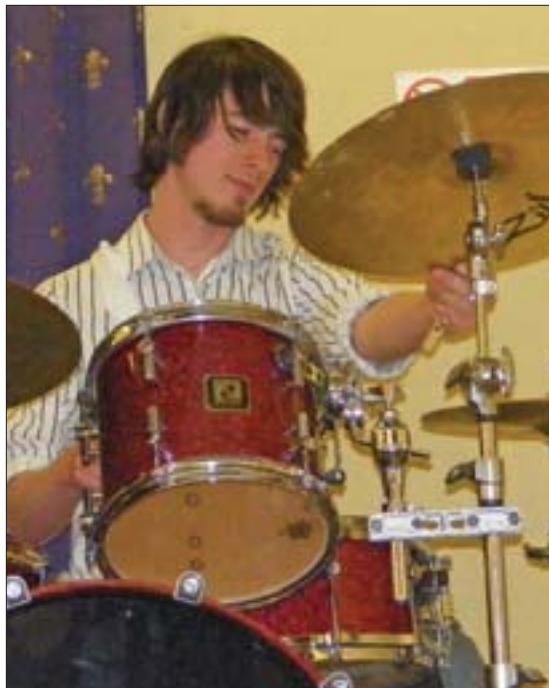
Little boxes of love

CHILDREN from Charlton Church of England Primary School in Dover are taking part in the national Love in a Box appeal.

The scheme sees pupils from schools in the UK filling shoe boxes with small gifts for poor children in Ukraine.

The school in Barton Road took part in the Love in a Box appeal last year and hopes its donations can make a difference to deprived families at Christmas.

Music teacher adds colour to her lessons



DRUMMING UP INTEREST: All kinds of instruments are taught in the garden

A MUSIC class which started in the shed of a back garden has grown to become a thriving school in just eight months.

All Sorts of Music, based on Hay Lane in Ham, is run by Kate Griffin and teaches adults and children every type of instrument – even the bagpipes.

Ten music teachers work from the school, with many teaching GCSE and A-level music lessons.

Kate said: "I was teaching privately around the area for ten years and after I had my daughter I found it hard to keep travelling around all the time, so I set up in my shed in the garden.

"Now the shed is just a small music room. We built another one and now have three."

The school has some 200 pupils, most of whom are from schools across the district.

Twelve of them have learning difficulties, but for the five learning the piano, Kate has found a way to make things easier.

She said: "We've been using books called Playing With Colour which let pupils read colours rather than notes.

"Using this method takes away the barrier of trying to read little black notes and gives them one less thing to worry about when

■ BY MARIJKE COX

learning to play." Sharon Goodey, author of the Playing With Colour books, created a system using five different colours which relate to specific fingers such as a red note played by a thumb.

According to Ms Goodey, a transition to traditional sheet music is also incorporated in the books so once the children have built up confidence to play, they will be able to concentrate on reading notes.

She said: "This is something that has never been done before. Children often struggle reading music, even those without learning difficulties, so by using colour it makes it easier for them.

"When using conventional methods, children have to learn theory as a separate exercise.

"What happens in these books is that the theory is learnt at the keyboard with notes and sounds instead of pencil and paper."

The books will be used at the Deal music school in the baby and toddler music classes due to start in January 2009.

The books are available at all music shops for £6.99.

For more about the music school, phone Kate on 07974 090536, or alternatively visit www.allsortsofmusic.co.uk.

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Why we must stay calm in face of media-led storm

AS you read this, the polls in the US will be shut and the slow process of counting the votes will be well under way.

In fact, if you don't pick this paper up until the weekend, then the chances are the count is complete and the winner and their new First Lady are now choosing colour schemes for the White House.

In the Congo, blood-curdling atrocities are taking place leaving children orphaned or the victim. And if that wasn't enough, the world continues to teeter on the edge of financial meltdown as the stock markets drop quicker than Harry Redknapp's reputation in and around Portsmouth.

Throw in new scientific proof that the rise in temperatures at the North and South Poles can be attributed to mankind's influence on the atmosphere, and not just a natural cycle, and all in all it was a pretty strong news week.

Yet you'd be forgiven for not realising it. Because our newspapers, radio and television stations over the past ten days have been dominated by a misjudged phone call placed by

two over paid stars to the bloke who used to be the bumbling buffoon Manuel from Fawlty Towers. You really could not make it up.

Perhaps it was the glorious escape from day after day of doom and gloom about capitalism itself self-improving... none of which most of us really understood, other than all our jobs were a little less secure. What could be the perfect tonic but a desperate craving for the blood of two celebrities for whom the credit crunch sounds more like a trendy type of apple than something to impact on their wealth?

Of course, there were some key principles at stake. Yes, the BBC has a responsibility to its licence fee paying public and yes, it was about time Jonathan Ross was exposed as the tired old bloated has-been he has become.

But the acres of news print and hour upon hour of broadcast space devoted to it, has been overkill on a level previously unheard of.

And the casualties seem to be mounting up at an alarming pace. First Russell Brand - a fine talent and whose radio show was, for those who had never heard of it before this fuss, an hilarious, witty treat which will be sadly missed - then the controller of Radio 2 and, at

the time of writing at least, the bank balance of the aforementioned bloated Mr Ross.

I could say we need to get a bit of a sense of perspective here. There are more important things at stake. And I'm sure Andrews Sachs - who has conducted himself with wonderful dignity - must surely be amazed that some messages on his voicemail have dictated the national news agenda for a solid week.

In fact, I will say it. We, as a nation, have this regrettable ability to whip ourselves into a ridiculous frenzy over things we suddenly attach society's core values to. But what benefit has losing Brand as a Saturday evening DJ or the controller of Radio 2 actually brought to society that a good old fashioned apology couldn't do? Precisely nothing, I would say.

In fact the only good is that I don't have to watch Jonathan Ross on the telly for three months. And the off button was always there for me to make that judgement without a bay-ing mob doing it for me.

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TALK TIME

STEPHEN LEVINE

The general manager of the Leas Cliff Hall talks about the venue's plans for Christmas

What have you got in the way of a pantomime?
This year it's Dick Whittington, which will run from Thursday, December 18, until Saturday, January 10.

How are ticket sales going?

They are between five and ten per cent up on the previous year's figure, which is obviously a very good sign. But there are still tickets available and they can be purchased from our box office or online. We are building on the strength of last year's event.

How did you approach casting for the panto?

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Any surprises?

Yes, we have children's favourite Mr Bump from the Mr Men – he will be causing a lot of chaos on stage.



YOUR LETTERS

Lest we forget the debt we owe them

A poem for the anniversary of the ending of the First World War:

Forget us not,
For we made our pledge for you,
Gave heart and mind and life,
For peaceful times.
Forget us not,
Our cause for England's sake,
Look to those foreign fields,
Upon our endless graves.
Look to the skies, to where the
skylark sings,
In freedom's flight, piercing with song,
The tranquil morning light.
Look on, and think not of
goodbyes,
But with us pledge, that we, with
thoughts of you,
Gave body, hope for future years,
Man's path would lead to right.
Forget us not,
When thoughts of England flow,
When in the fields, the abundant
poppies grow,
For life gave life, as of the
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And this our sacrifice, in
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Maxwell Dunlop,
Folkestone



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Invest in leisure, not air travel

The expansion of Lydd airport has never looked likely.

Lydd is distant from large cities – just like Manston – and without major road or rail links it is difficult to see why people would choose to use Lydd over other airports.

In any case, journeys to the Continent are easily accomplished and, in my experience of travelling to and from Brussels, more enjoyable by Eurostar.

People in and around Lydd have a right to live in peace, without the increased noise and air pollution that airport expansion brings.

It is incomprehensible that the ordinary citizen has no right to protection from aircraft noise yet is protected by law from noisy neighbours.

We should be attempting to expand facilities for tourism and leisure in Kent, and Lydd is an excellent site for an all-weather leisure centre.

Linked into coastal walking and cycling routes, with enhanced restaurant facilities, a low-cost hotel and a variety of leisure activities to suit different age groups, it could meet part of the demand previously catered for by Dreamland in Margate.

There is no comparable facility in east Kent.

Investors are far more likely to get returns from leisure than from an airport trying to expand during a recession.

We know domestic tourism is increasing, with more than 120 million stays of at least one night away from home during 2007. Overseas visitors to the UK during 2007 totalled 32

million. Imaginative investment will bring rewards for Lydd, not an airport.

Dr Caroline Lucas, Green Party leader and MEP for Kent

Please remember those who died

Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated as usual at 11am at Dover's war memorial, outside the town council offices.

An ever-increasing number of Dovorians attend, wearing their poppies with pride, to show gratitude for their hard-won liberty, for which countless young people died.

I would like to appeal to all to bring younger family members, and to encourage family groups: 'Lest we forget'. Young people benefit both from the powerful message and symbolism and from family participation.

Many decry our young folk. Here, however, is a chance for them to learn respect and responsibility towards others. This, in a democracy, is the other side of the coin to individual freedom and rights.

Current conflicts have brought the reality of warfare into the lives of many youngsters for the first time. It is critical that our children learn what Armistice Day means and how vital the Poppy Appeal is in helping those who suffered, and continue to suffer, for us.

We owe a debt that can never be repaid. Please join us.

Cllr Diane Smallwood, Mayor of Dover

Drivers always get the short straw

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week's letters). I agree, but fear we shall differ when it comes to detail.

All too often so-called improvements turn out to be the opposite for drivers: reduction of road-space by obstruction – sorry, 'traffic calming' – and bus priority lanes and gates.

Some congestion has been deliberately council-engineered. Dover District Council's local development framework contains many such proposals.

Dover's road schemes (notably the one-way system) were conceived before the new A20, Jubilee Way or the present York Street, when all port traffic passed through the town centre, and do need looking at again. Bridge Street and Ladywell successfully reverted to two-way traffic. Others might also, but we would insist for everyone.

Congestion and poor air quality in High Street and Tower Hamlets has resulted largely from knock-on effects of many roadworks and closures in recent years.

The Association of British Drivers believes councils exist to provide basic public services, not to socially engineer people's choices by selective 'encouragement' of what they regard as desirable and making difficult and expensive that which they deem undesirable.

Bus services improved only through subsidies to a monopoly which is taking public money, effectively profiting from publicly funded travel – and this in a supposedly free market.

They get paid for travel by some people; direct subsidies for many evening, Sunday and rural services; and then again via Bus Quality Partnership agreements.

Those easy-access buses would come anyway – in three years they

have to by law. Being bigger, they take more road-space and will be unable to negotiate smaller roads, making some routes less attractive.

A lot of people using them are of ages where they pay no fare, so of course numbers have risen.

Recent high fuel prices will also have had an effect.

Telling people to drive less and go back to buses is returning to a past from which most of us were glad to escape. Let the future be based on freedom of personal independent mobility. The council's duty is to provide for that – including parking.

The association is not anti-bus, just anti-subsidy/road-space-hierarchy, with cars at the bottom.

All this would be unnecessary if buses were genuinely popular (remote villages possibly excepted).

Reduced emissions will come from improving technology and different fuels, not forcing increased emissions and fuel consumption that occur from traffic calming and queues.

Ian Taylor, Association of British Drivers (Kent branch), Dover

So short-sighted to let Yasir Arafat go

WHAT a shame it is that Kent Cricket Club cannot see its way to keeping Yasir Arafat for next season.

He was one of the best bowlers we had in the county championship and by far the best and most effective in limited-overs cricket. Also he was an effective batsman in the lower order.

I understand the reason is that he cannot commit for a full season – but Sussex don't seem worried as they have signed him. Also, when

has that been a problem for Kent?

We seem to have players who turn up for a couple of matches and then head off after a week or so.

Why cannot the people at the top see when they have a good player who they should ensure stays with the club?

Peter Forbes, by email

Resolve to help beat cancer in New Year

It might seem far away to your readers, but the New Year is only just around the corner and now is an ideal time to start thinking about your resolutions.

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Lisa Cooney, World Cancer Research Fund

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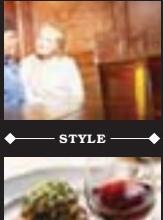
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The spectacular firework display over Viking Bay starts at 8pm. Free programmes will be available. For details see www.broadstairs5thnov.event.org.uk.

Visitors can enjoy a spectacular fireworks display set to music above the Drill Field at Deal and Bettishanger Rugby Football Club in Canada Road, Deal, on Friday. Gates open at 6pm and the display starts at 7.45pm. Advance tickets can be purchased from the rugby club bar before midnight on Thursday priced at £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. Gate prices will be £4/£2. Find out more at www.dealandbettishangerfc.org.uk.

Leeds Castle near Maidstone is offering a variety of exciting events to choose from, with plenty of fun for all the family.

On Friday the Music and Light Firework Spectacular, suitable for adults and older children, will see the castle lit up by a musical firework display with lasers and projected images. Gates open at 5pm and the display starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16.

On Saturday and Sunday families can enjoy falconry shows and jousting tournaments before the Legend of Excalibur Firework Spectacular in the evening. Gates open at noon and the firework display starts at 5.30pm. Tickets cost £16 for adults, £10 for children aged four to 15 and are free for under-fours.

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There will be more events taking place across the county on Saturday. Groombridge Place (pictured) near Tunbridge Wells will present a firework display choreographed to the songs of Abba and Queen, along with a mini Victorian funfair, a fairground



SPECTACULAR: Groombridge Place will host a fireworks display to the tunes of Abba and Queen organ and refreshment stalls.

The fun starts at 5.30pm with the opening of the funfair, which will be open until 10pm. A ceremonial lighting of the bonfire will precede the fireworks display at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £9.95 for adults, £8.45 for children and seniors and are free for under-threes. Buy tickets on the gate, online at www.groombridge.co.uk or by calling 01892 861444.

The firework display at the Pubs of Kent Life at Sandling, Maidstone, will be set off by

Hollyoaks star Jake Hendricks, who is appearing in the Hazlitt Theatre's pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

The event starts at 4pm and the last admission will be at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £7 for concessions, £6 for children and free for under-threes. Save £1 on all admissions by booking in advance when you call Maidstone Tourist Information Centre on 01622 602169.

Smarden will be holding its annual parade at 6.45pm, followed by the firework display at 8pm.



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FOLKESTONE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Thursday, November 6



ONE of many guest speakers at the Folkestone Literary Festival, writer Will Self will be introducing his latest book this week.

Liver: A Fictional Organ With a Surface Anatomy of Four Lobes contains a number of short stories featuring the largest internal organ in varying states of decay and disease. From a Soho drinking den to an assisted suicide clinic in Zurich, the liver is the starting point for some wildly different stories.

Self was born in London and as a child he developed an interest in science fiction, particularly the works of Frank Herbert, JG Ballard and Philip K Dick, and is now a successful author. He also contributes to a number of newspapers and magazines, as well as appearing on TV programmes such as Have I Got News For You and Grumpy Old Men.

With his impressive vocab-



ulary, dry wit and intensely personal approach to his writing, Self has become an in-demand columnist and speaker.

The event starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £12/£11. To book call 01303 842192 or visit www.folkestonelitfest.co.uk.



THE STRANGLERS

Wednesday, November 12



LEGENDARY rock band The Stranglers will bring their unmistakable sound to Folkestone next week.

With hits such as Golden Brown, No More Heroes and Peaches, the Stranglers have been one of the UK's most enduring bands and continue to influence present day

artists. They started out on the mid-70s pub rock scene and later became leading figures on the UK punk rock scene, but their refusal to be pigeonholed in one musical genre lead to their dabbling in a variety of styles. They went on to experiment with gothic rock, new wave and even pop during the 80s.

The band came together in 1975 in the shape of a foursome – Hugh Cornwell, Jet Black, Jean Jacques (JJ)

Burnell and Hans Warmling. Hans was soon replaced by keyboard player Dave Greenfield, whose instrument added a distinctive element to their songs.

Now more than 30 years old, the band has seen some line-up changes and is still exploring its talents, to the delight of fans.

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The concert is presented by Canterbury's Orange Street Music Venue as part of the Folkestone Literary Festival. Orange Street took part in the festival last year and is looking at playing a bigger part in years to come, along with bringing more great music to Folkestone all year round. The former bank in Tontine Street struck organisers as being a perfect building to host this sort of gig, with its elegant facade and original features.

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TAKE a trip to Fantasy Island inside your own submarine at the next Daydream Creative Workshop.

Children aged five to 11 are invited to enjoy pirate games and stories at Lyminge Village Hall on Saturday, from 9am to noon and tickets cost £6.50.

All Fantasy Islanders will need to wear fancy dress. To book call Emily on 01227 764619 or email emilyrdaydream@yahoo.co.uk. Find out more at www.daydreamcreativeworkshops.co.uk.

V For Vendetta author to introduce film screening

THE film adaptation of graphic novel V For Vendetta is screened tonight as part of the Folkestone Literary Festival.

Hugo Weaving stars as the masked freedom fighter who is also pursuing his own violent agenda, alongside Natalie Portman, Stephen Rea and John Hurt. It will be shown at University Centre, Folkestone, at 8pm. Tickets cost £4/£3.

The film will be introduced by the graphic novel's author David Lloyd at 7pm. Tickets for the talk cost £6/£5 and include free entry to the film screening. To book call 01303 842192 or visit www.folkestonelitfest.co.uk.

Remember the fallen as voices rise in song

BE among the 1,000 voices lifted in song to mark Remembrance Sunday in a special event in Folkestone.

At 12.30pm on Sunday, it is hoped a thousand voices will be heard singing melodies from the 1910s as participants make their way from Bouverie Place Shopping Centre, along the Road of Remembrance to the harbour. For details see www.folkestonelitfest.co.uk.

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Ricky's having a laugh

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

RICKY Gervais has come a long way since playing nightmarish boss David Brent in *The Office*.

After becoming famous for Brent's social faux pas and terrible dancing, he's become a comedic force to be reckoned with around the world. *The Office* is one of the most successful British exports of all time and he has a number of awards to add to his name to prove it.

These days he mingles with Hollywood heavyweights like Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller and Samuel L Jackson, but you won't see the 47-year-old losing sight of his Reading roots.

"I've only been in this business for seven years and I still pinch myself, particularly with how well *The Office* did and the people we got to work in *Extras*," he says.

"I mean, it's still weird to me that even Robert De Niro has heard of me, let alone wants to fly to England for a day. It's very strange."

Ricky insists he won't lose himself to fame and fortune.

"I still know why I'm doing it. I do it for the creative process, and only that. This [speaking to the press] is fun, and awards shows are fun, and the money's good – actually, it's brilliant – but I do it because something in you has to do it. And I think you've got to remember that, otherwise it will be weird."

He adds, laughing: "You'll see me next year – I'll be about nine stone and big white teeth, Simon Cowell's teeth!"

Now the actor-writer-director is taking on his first leading Hollywood role in supernatural comedy *Ghost Town*, following



NO BRAD PITT: 'I've got the bone structure, it's just well hidden,' says Ricky Gervais

cameo appearances in *Stardust* and *Night At The Museum*.

"I never thought my first film would not be written by me or Stephen Merchant [collaborator on *The Office* and *Extras*]," he admits. "But quite simply I'd been offered hundreds of scripts over the last few years, and this is the best I've read in that time."

Ghost Town sees Ricky play a dentist who has the ability to

communicate with ghosts after a near-death experience, but he openly admits he's not into that in real life: "I don't believe in ghosts or fairies or ghouls or ESP or crystals or any of those things."

Another first for Ricky, described as the "master of the comedy of the uncomfortable", is playing the romantic hero, although he says his character is not a conventional male lead.

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"My fear was people thinking I'm taking myself seriously so it was important that the romantic element was different and awkward, and I just didn't want that ending where the music swells up and I get the girl in the traditional way, because it would be nauseating," he explains.

"People would go, 'Who does he think he is? Look at him.'

"I don't need to be George Clooney or Brad Pitt. I've got the bone structure, it's just well-hidden."

He may not be Brad, but Ricky has his own Angelina in TV producer and author Jane Fallon, whom he has been with for 26 years. The couple met while they were studying at university, and have homes in London and New York.

Ricky, whose next project is directing Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe and Jonah Hill in *This Side Of The Truth*, says his dream role would be playing a villain.

"I would love to play really crazily bad, the worst person ever, that would be funny," he reveals.

"Like Hannibal Lecter but with less moral conscience."



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SPONTANEOUS

Karen, 46, 5ft3, medium build, likes keeping fit, getting out and about, travelling and a nice bottle of wine. WLTM a light-hearted male for a LTR. Box 445475 1

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Easygoing woman, likes most things in life, including food, cinema, cooking, dancing, seeking a male for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 1 2

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Compassionate, attractive female, 45, 5ft6, big build, red hair, blue eyes, N/S, enjoys good food, country pubs, cinema and weekends away. WLTM a similar male. Box 444743 1

DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, blonde, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 1 2

MISS JULIE

Bubbly blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh, good company,

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Understanding, caring female, 45, 5ft4, medium build, brown hair, likes solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573 1

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Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possibly romance and fun times. Box 444796 1

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Attractive politc lady, 40s, loves art, film, music and cooking and long walks, seeking a male for a fun relationship. Box 445878 1

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

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ARE YOU MY ONE FOR ME?

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Medium-build lady, 62, 5ft3, likes dancing, walking, eating out, WLTM a considerate male to stay in with on a cold winter's evening. Box 445123 1

TO MAKE EACH OTHER HAPPY

Widow, 65, 5ft3, fair hair, slim-medium build, enjoys dancing, sports, badminton, table-tennis, walking, theatre, eating out, WLTM similar male, honest, caring, to enjoy life with. Box 443677 1

TO MAKE IT A LITTLE DAY

Hi, I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laughs, days out and much more. Box 443696 1

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PROPERTY NEWS

Not a licence to print money, but a professional business option

LANDLORDS will need a licence-to-let and a business plan to take out a mortgage, under new proposals published by the Government.

In a report that could halt the activities of buy-to-let investors, independent housing policy experts recommended measures that would turn letting property into a business rather than a bit of cash on the side.

The review, designed to root out landlords who provide a poor standard of accommodation, also proposed tax incentives that could include changes to stamp duty and capital gains tax for professional landlords to encourage them to buy more properties.

Dr Julie Rugg, the author of the report, said: "We want to see a new culture of renting, where landlords view themselves as hands-on businesspeople not hands-off investors."

The licence would mean that landlords who fail to measure up could have points deducted or lose it altogether and be banned from letting property – rather in the manner of a driving licence.

Slight increase in mortgage lending

MORTGAGE lending picked up slightly in September but remained near record lows as the housing market continued to struggle.

A total of 23,422 mortgages for house purchase were approved by British banks last month, up from a record low of 21,342 in August when summer holidays helped push figures down.

There was also more positive news as estate agents reported a slight rise in sales for the month.

Each agent sold an average of six properties in September, up from five in August – the first rise since January, according to the National Association of Estate Agents.

However, mortgage lending in September remained near the lowest on record and is below the six-month average of 27,481, the British Bankers' Association's figures show.

Upsurge raises hopes of market movement



KEEPING ACTIVE: Concentrated creativity and effort is key to dispelling the gloom and to preventing business from stagnating, according to property group Connells

PROPERTY group Connells has just celebrated its most successful sales and lettings month of the year in Kent – and it says it's not all doom and gloom in the county's housing market.

Staff say this shows recent initiatives have helped stimulate trade and make people aware moving is still an option.

They added that the rental market is also picking up and said as long as estate agents are realistic in what they expect to make and consider their prices carefully, the market need not stagnate.

Area partner Mark Weller said: "The results show that the property market in Kent is

■ BY NICK AMES

active and that large numbers of people are still moving or looking to rent.

"With the summer holidays over and people thinking about moving into a new place before Christmas, we have seen a surge not only in the number of instructions but also in tied-up sales.

"We expect this trend to continue as the recent reduction in interest rates could be just the incentive needed for those who were hesitating about buying."

"Houses will continue to sell, as long as vendors are realistic and their agent is prepared to work really hard on their behalf, using

every opportunity to bring a property to the attention of as many buyers as possible."

Other upsurges have been seen across the market. Canterbury was recently voted as having a continuing appeal to buyers.

David Bexon of SmartNewHomes.com said of the city: "Homebuyers are keen to buy into impressive history and status as a World Heritage Site."

"The local economy has grown substantially, with thousands of businesses based in the city centre and plenty of job opportunities."

Housebuilding is also going ahead in Ashford, which has been earmarked as a growth town.

Developers say they have taken fluctuations in the market into account and proposals for 35,000 new homes will be maintained.

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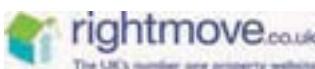
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MOTORS NEWS



Baby Alfa makes early arrival at Kent dealer

ALFA Romeo's sporty new MiTo supermini arrived at two Kent dealerships this week – two months ahead of official UK launch on January 24, 2009.

But the county's newest Alfa dealership, Lipscomb at Aylesford, Maidstone, and long-established Northgate at Canterbury have the order book open already on the charismatic Italian brand's new baby.

Prices start at £10,975 for the entry level Alfa MiTo 1.4 16V 95BHP Turismo and market watchers at the CAP valuation guide expect the MiTo to hold its value well – the Alfa MiTo 1.3 JTDM (diesel) Veloce should retain 47 per cent of value after three years/60,000 miles.



FG Barnes goes after sales drive with launch

VAUXHALL dealer FG Barnes has taken on the Chevrolet brand and celebrates with a major promotion next weekend.

The move follows closure of the nearby Dutton Forshaw Chevrolet at Parkwood, Maidstone, and will be marked by tempting deals on more than 100 approved used Chevrolets and Vauxhalls.

FG Barnes will also spend around £100,000 on a site revamp to accommodate the brand, with a formal Chevrolet opening in early January, coinciding with Vauxhall's launch of the all-new Insignia.



Captivating Chevy deal on until the end of year

CHEVROLET launched its spacious Captiva SUV last year with a fanfare – prices from £16,995, but closer inspection revealed that this was for the asthmatic front-wheel drive only petrol model.

Now Chevy is offering the more desirable fwd 2.0 VCDi LS diesel for the same price until the end of 2008, saving £1,450 against list price and bringing far better performance and economy – averaging around 40mpg – as well as delivering a high spec including alloys, quality stereo and roof rails.



LOOKING GOOD: Audi's latest generation A4 is a mixture of lifestyle estate and serious load lugger and its longer wheelbase has enabled the car to edge closer to BMW's 3-Series

Audi's A4 spaceship is a 'best drive' – at a price

ROAD TEST AUDI A4

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Our lavishly-spec'd car struggled to justify its £41,590 price tag.

Where A4 cabin feels well-made, roomy and durable at the £20,000 end of the market, it looks hideously over-priced at the other end.

Enough about shortcomings though, because there is plenty to laud too and especially when equipped with the creamy six-cylinder 237bhp 3.0TDI diesel – the perfect riposte to claims that petrol engines are still best for refinement.

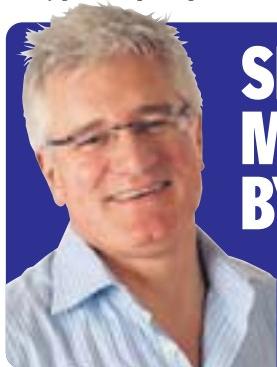
There is lots of pulling power on tap and the Quattro system transfers this tidily to the road to deliver 0-62mph in 6.3 seconds and a great drive – one of best on test this year.

The long wheelbase, wide track, low-slung stance and light weight plant the car well on the road and it corners with a flat stance and lovely poise, again aided by the Quattro system.

The ride is not harsh though and the A4 feels classy on the motorway, helped by that big cabin and, if fitted, the £1,100 'Open Sky' panoramic sunroof.

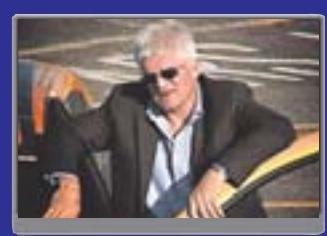
As for the Avant body style, this latest generation is a good mix of lifestyle estate and serious load lugger and a sharp looker too.

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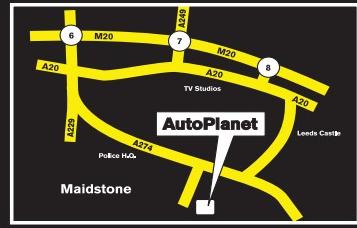
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FAMILY CARS

THIS sector used to dominate the UK car market, but sales have been eroded by new categories such as the 4x4 sports utility vehicle and MPV or 'people carrier' and encroachment by upmarket compact executive models like the BMW 3-Series, which now outsells the former UK market leader – the Ford Mondeo. Nevertheless, many second-hand buyers still like the idea of a spacious, comfortable and more conventional family runabout and prices can be very affordable, so here are three popular and contrasting sellers based on ability and value.

FORD MONDEO



ONCE THE UK's favourite car, its fall from favour reflects changing tastes rather than the Mondeo's ability. The car's greatest weakness has been the badge – something the latest generation tries to overcome with Germanic quality. Nevertheless, the previous car was well-built, superb to drive and incredibly spacious. Apart from the best-selling hatchback there is a saloon and one of the roomiest and estates in the sector, plus a massive range of engines.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROEN C5



CITROEN'S latest C5 is a stunning looking car inside and lives up to ads suggesting that 'the Germans' may be worried. The old car was less of a threat, but never mind the looks – look at the prices. The original C5 has actually proved to be a reliable and great value used buy, with a pliant ride and loads of space – the estate is enormous for anyone needing to cart lots of stuff. Diesel C5s are the star buy.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VW PASSAT



VW'S previous Passat set a higher benchmark for quality and the new version raised the bar again. The German giant recognised that the best way to counter upmarket rivals, including sister marque Audi, was by upping the standard of the overall package. So the new Passat is more spacious, drives better than the previous model and looks good. Factor in some of the best engines, petrol or diesel, saloon or capacious estate, plus modest used prices and it looks irresistible.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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C3, 1.4 SX 5dr, 2004, 1.4 sx 5dr hatch, wicked red, 26000 miles, £5195, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 HDI SX 5dr, 2002, 1.4 hd 5dr diesel hatch, misty lac, 41729 miles, £3495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 SX 5dr, 2005, 1.4 sx 5dr hatch, red, 20000 miles, £5495, Wilmslow Ashford, Ashford, 01233 641000 (TRADE)

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C3, 1.6 HDI 16V Exclusive Plus 5dr, 2008, 1.6 hd 16v exclusive plus 5dr hatch special edition, grey, 4000 miles, £5495, Wilmslow Ashford, Ashford, 01233 641000 (TRADE)

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DEFENDER, 90 TD5 Soft Top, g015op, power steering, tow pack, cd player, alloy wheels, airbag power steering electric windows, silver, 4694 miles, £10400, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MAZDA

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PRIUMERA

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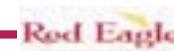
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Closing date: Friday 14 November 2008.

Interview date: Wednesday 26 November 2008.

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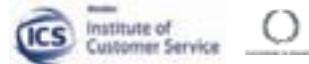
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Band: 6

Hours: Annualised hours

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Closing date: 10/11/08

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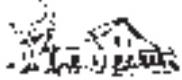
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Firms clamping down on 'social networking'

ONE in three firms in southern England has tough policies for stopping staff social networking, according to new research.

UK firms are the strictest in Europe for not allowing staff to access Facebook and other social networking sites at work.

A new report by mobile network provider 3 reveals that millions of us are social networking during office hours.

Thirty per cent of people in the region surf social networking sites while at work and experts have now coined the term 'social networking' to describe the trend.

It has reached endemic proportions but bosses aren't impressed, with many now imposing official restrictions.

Contract hard sell

BUSINESSES are still overlooking one of the most critical parts of a firm – IT support – says a county expert.

Stuart Kenny, director of Liquid Knowledge in Ashford, said: "Many businesses renew their IT contract habitually and have found their contracts are either lacking in terms of support or far exceed their requirements."

"Basic hardware warranties offer limited peace of mind as modern IT equipment is robust and stable."

"Only 10 per cent of all warranty claims involve hardware. The other 90 per cent relate to software and it is only when software problems have to be resolved that the business owner realises their warranty is hardware-based only."

Data security deficit

A LARGE part of the South East's workforce does not know how or where personal and company data is stored.

They also do not understand the importance of keeping data secure, according to a survey commissioned by data centre and computer room specialists Migration Solutions. Almost half of respondents surveyed had never heard of data centres.

And 39 per cent had no idea where their company data was stored, while 45 per cent of respondents believed their company's data was stored on the server.

Half were unsure if their company backed up its data, while a tenth knew for sure that their company did not.

A quarter believed a long-term IT disaster at head office, such as flood or fire, would have no impact on the business at all.

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Savers batten down the economic hatch

■ BY TONY PATEY

MORE than three-quarters of South East small-business owners are holding onto their cash rather than making immediate decisions about investment because of economic uncertainties.

According to new research by Bank of Scotland Business Banking, over the next 12 months, two in five plan to put aside money for future investment in the business, while a third plan to put aside money in savings to earn interest.

A third plan to put aside money for insurance against hard times and a further worsening in economic conditions.

Britain's small-business owners are currently saving more than £1 billion every month, and a quarter of SMEs in the South East are investing more back into their business than they are saving.

Slightly more are saving and investing in equal amounts, and only one in eight is saving more each month than they are investing back into the business. A third of small-business owners are neither saving nor investing.

Peter Wood, head of strategy and products at Bank of Scotland Business Banking, said: "In a more cautious economic climate, where saving is prioritised over investment, it's vital that SMEs find the best home for their surplus cash."

Meantime, with individuals, almost a third of people in the South East have changed spending habits in the last six months and spent less to cope with the credit crunch – and the region now has the biggest savers.

The average savings balance is £15,493 compared with a national average of £12,703. Scots are reckoned to be the worst savers, with an average stash of £9,939.

Figures released by Lloyds TSB Consumer Banking reveals that more than half of respondents in the region are taking action to clear their debts. Individuals in the South East have, on average, unused debt of £2,800, slightly above the national average of £2,771.

A third have increased the amount they pay off each month, compared with only 24 per cent in the North East – the UK's most indebted region.

However, when it comes to long-term saving, 32 per cent of respondents say they do not have a pension, while 57 per cent admit they are concerned about not having enough money for retirement.

In fact, one in five of inhabitants in the region has less than £500 in their savings, leaving them potentially vulnerable to financial difficulty in these uncertain times.

Over half of savers in the South East say they are putting money aside for a rainy day or emergencies. Almost a third are saving for holidays and 27 per cent are putting money away for their retirement. One in five say they are saving for future increases in household bills.



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Job done, now Town focus on their nearest rivals



STRIKE: Dale Skelton scored his third goal of the season in Hythe's cup win

Weather is the only winner in cup game

DEAL Town's hopes of causing an upset in the Kent Premier Division Cup were postponed on Saturday due to bad weather.

Relentless rain waterlogged the Charles Sports Ground and prevented the game against Holmesdale from kicking off.

Deal trailed the division's surprise package 2-0 after the first leg, but will have to wait for another chance to finish the second round tie.

After a fortnight of cup matches, Town get back to league action this weekend looking for their fourth successive victory.

Weather permitting, they host a VCD Athletic side struggling to repeat the form which made them title contenders last season.

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Sharks biting back

DOVER RFC brought their losing run to an end with a draw against Dorking in awful conditions at Crabble on Saturday.

After a promising start to the season the newly-promoted Sharks went into the game on the back of four successive London 2 South defeats.

The visit of the league leaders was hardly cause for optimism, but the wind and rain brought the best out of the side as they scrapped to a hard-earned 11-11 draw.

It lifted Dover to ninth position, but they will have to be at their best again this Saturday when they visit third-placed Chobham.

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HYTHE Town prepared for Saturday's Kent League top-of-the-table clash by completing a comfortable Premier Division Cup win over Sporting Bengal United.

After winning the first leg 10-1 at Reachfields, the result was beyond doubt before the second leg.

Goals from Pat Kingwell and Dale Skelton gave the visitors a 2-0 lead at half-time, but Sporting Bengal hit back twice after the break to draw level.

Hythe only regained the lead in the final five minutes, with strikes from Darren Walmesley and new signing Scott Bouvier.

Town boss Paul Fisk said: "After the first leg it was a bit of a strange situation really. Although you want to rest

FOOTBALL

Sporting Bengal United 2

Hythe Town 4 (Hythe win 14-3 on aggregate)

players, the players themselves want to play. Scott [Bouvier] was top scorer for Ashford Town's reserves last season. He's a promising player and one for the future because Buster [Smissen] is out for the long term."

"We have no idea when he's going to be back so we are hoping this young lad will come in and score a few goals."

After being rested for Saturday's game, Paul Hyde, Ben Sly and Lee Winfield should all return to the start-

ing line-up for the trip to second-placed Holmesdale.

Leaders Hythe are the only unbeaten team in the division and lead their opponents on goal difference.

Holmesdale have surprised many observers so far after struggling last season, but after Hythe lost to them in the Kent Senior Trophy last month, Fisk believes they are genuine title contenders.

He said: "When we went up there they were playing down their chances, but we won't be falling for that one, at the moment they are one of the best sides in the league without doubt."

Midfielder Dave Cook is suspended for the game after picking up a fifth booking of the season.



A WET WEEKEND: Dover were in complete control of their FA Trophy match before Saturday's game was abandoned, with Frannie Collin (left) setting up both goals for the Whites

Cambridge get help from above as rain stops play

FOOTBALL

■ BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

Dover Athletic 2

Keister 13, Ball 38

Cambridge City 0

Game abandoned on 58 minutes due to waterlogged pitch

Dover starting XI



No subs used

because I don't think it was getting any worse."

The sodden pitch made the game a lottery at times, but Dover made the best of the conditions and took the lead on 13 minutes. After the Cambridge goalkeeper spilled a long-range shot, Frannie Collin crossed to allow an unmarked Keister to tap home from four yards.

Dover had plenty of chances and doubled their lead seven minutes before the break. Collin was again the provider, this time crossing for Ball to head home.

The game was due to be replayed at Crabble last night. Log on to www.yourdover.co.uk for the report and reaction.

If the Whites manage to overcome Cambridge, they face another home tie in the FA Trophy, having been drawn to play fellow Ryman Premier side Hastings United.

The fixture is scheduled for Saturday, November 22, at Crabble.

Meanwhile, Dover have the chance to strengthen their position at the top of the Ryman Premier when they visit second-placed Staines Town on Saturday.

After 11 wins out of 12 matches, Whites go into the game with a six-point lead. They have already won at Staines this season, beating them 2-0 last month in the FA Trophy.

Dryden at the double as Invicta share the points

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Eastbourne Town 2

Dicker 40, Baitup 47



Folkestone Invicta 2

Dyson 17, 43



JIMMY Dryden scored his tenth and 11th goals of the season, but Folkestone Invicta had to settle for a draw against Eastbourne Town.

The game was played in torrential rain, but the pitch held well and the game was never in serious danger of being called off.

Dryden struck twice in the first half to give the visitors a 2-1 lead at the interval, but Eastbourne got back on level terms two minutes into the restart. The game might have gone either way, but neither side could find a winner.

Seasiders boss Neil Cugley felt his side could have won the game, but was glad the match was not abandoned.

He said: "I was quite pleased really. The conditions weren't great, but I thought both teams deserved credit for playing the right way."

"No one wanted the game to be called off and replayed on a Tuesday night later in the season, and the pitch wasn't too bad."

"I think you are always disappointed when you take the lead twice and don't go on to win, but we'll take a point."

With Matt Bourne and James Everitt suspended, assistant manager Scott Lindsay was again drafted into defence, while youngsters Kieran Byrne, Tayler Thomas and Josh



SCORE DRAW: Jimmy Dryden (in red) scored twice at Eastbourne, in a game where Tayler Thomas (above) impressed



Peter GORRICK

Folkestone starting XI



No subs used

Burchell played their second game in four days.

Eastbourne had the ball in the net early on, but it was ruled out for offside. Four minutes later Folkestone opened the scoring. Thomas, a highly-rated 18-year-old loan signing from Gillingham,

crossed low and Dryden finished with ease to move into double figures for the season.

Invicta were in control for much of the half, but were pegged back five minutes before the break when Chris Dicker rammed home from 20 yards. The party was short-lived as Dryden ended in Byrne's cross just before the half-time whistle.

Eastbourne got back in the game on 47 minutes, but as the rain got heavier the match became more of a lottery as both sides settled for a point.

Folkestone host basement side Crowborough Athletic on Saturday.

• The Seasiders were in action away to Godalming Town last night, log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the report and reaction.



ON A ROLL: Folkestone made it three wins in a row at Hastings and moved up into third place in the league

Stones go rolling into third place

RUGBY

Hastings & Bexhill 3 Folkestone 15

FOLKESTONE braved the elements on the south coast to come away with a third successive victory which moved them up to third in the London 4 South East table.

Wind and rain battered the players throughout the match, but both sides worked hard to put on a good display in testing conditions.

With no fewer than eight forwards missing from the squad, Folkestone coach Lee Jeffery brought in Chris Gamble, who came back from university for the match.

The Stones got off to a great start with a fine deep kick-off from Steve Morgan.

The hosts were pinned back on their own line and with a turnover Dave Easby crashed over for an early score. Seyhan Fell added the conversion to make it 7-0.

In an otherwise even first half, Hastings got on the scoreboard with a penalty to reduce the lead at the interval to four points.

Fell added another penalty after the break to restore the seven-point cushion, but Folkestone spent much of the half on the back foot.

But stout defending kept Hastings at bay and eventually Folkestone's improved fitness levels began to tell.

The victory was sealed when Steve Morgan and Richard Lama combined well on the halfway line and spread the ball out to prop Mat Roots on the right wing.

He drove into the 22 and offloaded a perfect pass to Gamble, who sped over for a try on his return to the side.

The Stones will attempt to make it four in a row this Saturday when they host Heathfield & Waldron.

FOOTBALL



Peter LAWRENCE ARNOLD

FUTURE IN DOUBT? Invicta manager Neil Cugley

Money problems gives youngsters their chance

FOLKESTONE Invicta boss Neil Cugley is urging the young players in his squad to take advantage of the opportunities created by the club's financial problems.

The Seasiders revealed debts of more than £200,000 last month and while the board attempts to find a solution, all payments to the playing squad have been suspended.

With the senior players free to leave, the gaps in the squad will be mainly filled by young players who would normally have found their route to first-team football blocked.

Cugley admits he does not know how long the senior players will stay but is pleased with the impact made by the youngsters so far.

He said: "We are still trying to keep hold of people and keep it going. I have to change the side around from game to game, but generally I'm quite pleased so far.

"Kieran Byrne has come in and made his debut, Tayler Thomas and Frankie Chappell are in on loan, Josh Burchell has played a couple of games and played really well. No one wants to be in this situation, but there are positives for the young players who have now got a great opportunity.

"Especially for the young players it's a difficult time, but you have to take your chance. Often it takes financial issues to give a crop of young players a run in the side – that's how Jimmy Dryden got started, so it's up to them to make the most of it."

Cugley, whose own position is in doubt if the crisis persists, has called in several favours. Former Invicta players Frankie Chappell and Mark Towse have arrived from Welling United and Corinthian Casuals respectively, while Liam Dickson is expected to return after a month on loan at Herne Bay.

The Cheriton Road boss has been proud of the squad's response to the problems but is not looking too far ahead.

He said: "It's an ongoing situation with the players – we really are taking it week to week at the moment until the situation gets resolved, but we should be able to put out a strong side on Saturday."

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LEAGUE TABLES (not including midweek matches)

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	12	11	0	1	+19	33
2 Staines Town	13	8	3	2	+11	27
3 Canterbury Athletic	15	8	3	4	+3	27
4 Hythe & Miham Utd	15	8	2	5	+5	26
5 Tonbridge Angels	14	7	3	4	+4	24
6 Maidstone United	13	7	2	4	+7	23
7 Borthwood Wood	13	6	4	3	+5	22
8 Canvey Island	15	6	4	5	+3	21
9 Ashford Town (Mx)	13	7	0	6	-2	21
10 Hastings United	15	7	0	8	-2	21
11 Harlow Town	12	6	2	4	+8	20
12 Billericay Town	14	5	4	5	-5	19
13 Faversham	14	5	3	6	-1	18
14 AFC Hornchurch	13	5	3	5	-1	18
15 Westerton	15	4	4	7	-1	16
16 Horsham	12	5	1	6	-4	16
17 Sutton United	12	4	4	4	-4	16
18 Margate	15	3	3	9	-11	12
19 Ramsgate	16	2	6	8	-12	12
20 Heybridge Swifts	14	1	6	7	-8	9
21 Hendon	12	2	2	8	-4	8
22 Harrow Borough	13	1	5	7	-20	8

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Kingstonian	13	10	3	0	+23	33
2 Metropolitan Police	15	7	6	2	+11	27
3 Folkestone Invicta	14	7	4	3	+6	25
4 Cray Wanderers	13	7	3	3	+5	24
5 Godalming Town	14	7	2	5	+10	23
6 Merstham	13	7	2	5	+1	23
7 Sittingbourne	13	7	1	5	-1	22
18 Walton Casuals	13	3	3	7	-8	12
19 Chipping	11	2	4	5	-9	10
20 Corinthian-Casuals	15	2	4	9	-14	10
21 Croydon Athletic	13	2	3	8	-9	9
22 Crowborough Ath	13	2	3	8	-11	9

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Hythe Town	10	8	2	0	+17	26
2 Holmesdale	11	8	2	1	+12	26
3 Tunbridge Wells	10	7	0	3	+5	21
4 Erith & Belvedere	7	5	1	1	+3	16
5 Greenwich Borough	10	5	1	4	-1	16
6 Faversham Town	9	5	0	4	+9	15
7 Deal Town	10	4	2	4	0	14
8 Herne Bay	10	4	1	5	+4	13
9 Croydon	9	4	1	4	+1	13
10 Norton Sports	10	4	1	5	-6	13
11 Erith Town	7	4	0	8	+6	12
12 Sevenoaks Town	10	3	3	4	-2	12
13 Beckenham Town	12	3	2	7	-3	11
14 Slade Green	10	3	2	5	-3	11
15 VCD Athletic	8	3	0	5	0	9
16 Lordswood	7	0	0	27	-16	0
17 Sporting Bengal	8	0	0	8	-26	0

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman Premier Division – Staines Town v Dover Athletic; Ryman Division One South – Folkestone Invicta v Crowborough Athletic; Kent League Premier Division – Deal Town v VCD Athletic, Holmesdale v Hythe Town



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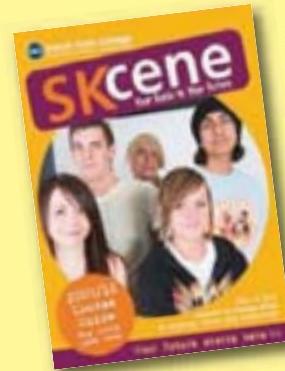
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